

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT[281]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 256.7(5), the State Board of Education hereby proposes to amend Chapter 17, “Open Enrollment,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Iowa Code section 257.11(3)“a” states that supplementary weighted funds are available to a school district for the district’s “*resident* high school pupils [emphasis added]” who enroll in community college courses for concurrent credit. The statute provides no guidance regarding nonresident pupils who open enroll into another district. This rule making codifies the Department’s guidance that the resident district sends to the receiving district the supplementary weighting counted in October of the current year multiplied by the district cost per pupil of the current year. This fiscal policy is as consistent as possible with other items that follow open enrolled pupils from their resident districts to their receiving districts, such as limited English proficient (LEP) weighting and the former Phase III funds, both of which were based on “generated” funding.

An agencywide waiver provision is provided in 281—Chapter 4.

Interested individuals may make written comments on the proposed amendment on or before October 26, 2010, at 4:30 p.m. Comments on the proposed amendment should be directed to Carol Greta, Office of the Director, Iowa Department of Education, Second Floor, Grimes State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0146; telephone (515)281-8661; E-mail carol.greta@iowa.gov; or fax (515)281-4122.

This amendment is intended to implement Iowa Code sections 257.11 and 282.18.

The following amendment is proposed.

Adopt the following **new** subrule 17.10(8):

17.10(8) A student under open enrollment is eligible to be counted for supplementary weighting pursuant to 281—subrule 97.2(5) for qualifying concurrent enrollment classes in which the student is enrolled, including concurrent enrollment classes provided via the ICN. An open enrolled student who is under competent private instruction (CPI) shall be weighted in the student’s receiving district, and no tuition shall be billed to the resident district. An open enrolled student who is not under CPI shall be weighted in the resident district, and the funding shall be sent to the receiving district in addition to open enrollment tuition.

a. If the open enrolled student is present in the resident district on October 1 of the school year, the resident district shall count the student, excluding a student under CPI, for supplementary weighting.

b. The concurrent enrollment course must qualify for supplementary weighting in the receiving district pursuant to 281—subrule 97.2(5).

c. The resident district shall forward the weighting generated for the concurrent enrollment for that student using the district cost per pupil of the school year. The amount generated is calculated as the supplementary weighting full-time-equivalency for that one student for each qualified concurrent enrollment course times the current school year’s district cost per pupil in the resident district.

d. The receiving district shall pay the community college the tuition negotiated for the course. The tuition negotiated may cost the receiving district a different amount than that received from the resident district. No additional amount may be charged to the resident district, the student, or the parent, guardian, or legal custodian.

e. If the student was not present in the resident district on October 1 of the school year and is a late transfer, the receiving district bears all the tuition cost and shall not bill the resident district in the first year pursuant to subrule 17.10(7).